i. Pyramiding genes in rice for resistance to bacterial leaf blight.blast and gall midge (DRR, Hyderabad; CRRI, Cuttack and IARI, New Delhi).

ii. Pyramiding genes for resistance to leaf rust and stripe rust in Wheat (DWR, Karnal; IARI, New Delhi; PAU, Ludhiana, DWR-RS, Shimla and IARI-RS Wellington).

iii. Pyramiding genes for resistance to Polysora rust and Turcicum leaf blight in Maize (DMR, New Delhi; IARI, New Delhi; UAS-ARS, Nagenahalli and VPKAS, Almora)

iv. Pyramiding genes for resistance to Fusarium Wilt in chickpea (IIPR, Kanpur).

v. Pyramiding genes for resistance to Tomato Yellow Curl Virus (TYLCV) in tomato (IIVR, Varanasi).

Status of horticulture production

1052. SHRIMATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of horticulture production in each State and Union Territory and also the position in the whole country during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) whether horti-produces are in the increasing or in the decreasing stand during the last five years;

(c) the percentage of horti-produces being processed; and

(d) the steps taken to increase processing to a substantial degree?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Horticulture Production data for each State and Union Territory and also at all India level for the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given in the Statement attached (See below).

(b) Horti-produces are in the increasing stand during the last five years.

(c) The Percentage of fruits and vegetables for processing is estimated to be around 2.20% of the total production.

(d) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under its plan schemes provides financial assistance up to 25% of the cost of plant & machinery

and technical civil work subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas and 33.33% up to Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas for technological upgradation/modernization and establishment of food processing industries including fruit and vegetables processing industries. In addition, under the Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal, higher levels of assistance @ 50% up to Rs. 4.00 crore for a setting up and Rs. 1.00 crore for upgradation of fruit and vegetables processing is admissible.

Besides, the Government has initiated several policy and fiscal measures for growth and development of fruit and vegetables processing. These include:

(i) Processed fruit and vegetables products are exempt from excise^ duty.

(ii) Under Income Tax act a deduction of 100% profit for five years and 25% profit for the next five years in case of new agro processing industries set up to process, preseive and package fruit and vegetables.

(iii) Customs duty on refrigerated vans reduced from 20% to 10%.

Statement

Horticulture production data for each State and Union Territory

State	Production (in 000' MT)		
	2004-05	2005-06(P)	2006-07(A)
1	2	3	4
Andaman & Nicobar	158.1	158.1	94.6*
Andhra Pradesh	13663.0	15052.8	14442.6*
Arunachal Pradesh	218.8	218.8	254.6*
Assam	3189.6	3412.9	3651.8**
Bihar	16189.0	16189.0	16189.0**
Chandigarh	2.8	2.8	2.8**
Chhattisgarh	1636.2	2522.5	3888.8**
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	20.6	20.6	20.6**
Daman & Diu	0.2	0.2	0.2**

Delhi	652.8	652.8	652.7"
Goa	307.2	307.3	307.4"
Gujarat	9402.6	9651.5	9907.0"
Haryana	3268.2	3496.3	4399.7*
Himachal Pradesh	1739.7	1684.8	1870.5*
Jammu and Kashmir	2170.7	2327.5	2495.6"
Jharkhand	3798.3	3789.9	3781.5"
Karnataka	10566.9	10794.8	10541.1*
Kerala	9293.0	9774.9	10281.8"
Lakshadweep	54.3	54.3	54.9*
Madhya Pradesh	4129.5	4745.3	4910.3*
Maharashtra	15246.8	15613.5	15989.0"
Manipur	417.0	437.0	457.9"
Meghalaya	555.8	557.1	558.4"
Mizpram	107.1	107.1	69.9*
Nagaland	163.7	159.1	154.6"
Orissa	10000.7	10408.7	10833.3"
Pondicherry	140.6	140.6	140.6"
Punjab	3390.2	3581.2	3554.0"
Rajasthan	3019.2	3397.0	2866.1*
Sikkim	118.3	155.1	135.1*
Tamil Nadu	13683.6	15344.2	14766.0*
Tripura	908.3	908.3	908.3"
Uttar Pradesh	18850.6	20378.2	20748.0*
Uttaranchal	1778.5	1679.1	1585.3"
West Bengal	20724.6	24618.3	25364.5*
TOTAL:	169839.7	182391.6	185878.8

P=Provisional, A=Advance Estimates, *As furnished by States, **As projected